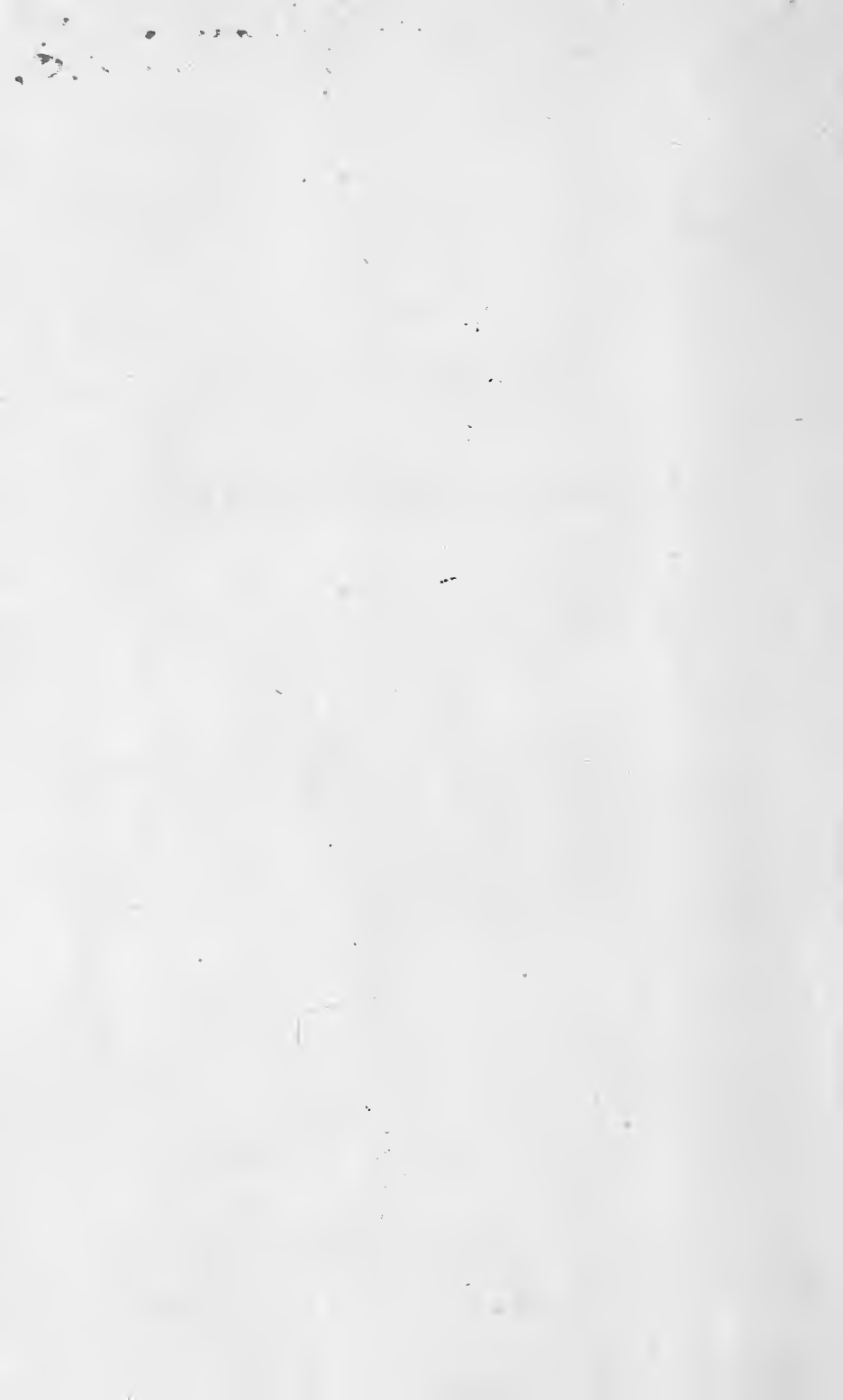


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AN AOT TO INCORPORATE MADISON UNIVERSITY.

PASSED MARCH 26, 1846, BY A TWO-THIRD VOTE.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows :*

1. Friend Humphrey, Seneca B. Burchard, William Colgate and their associates are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The MADISON UNIVERSITY," for the purpose of promoting literature and science. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued; to make and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure; to hold real and personal property; but it shall not at any one time, own real estate yielding an annual income exceeding ten thousand dollars. The location of the said University, shall be at the village of Hamilton, in the County of Madison.

2. Friend Humphrey, Seneca B. Burchard, William Colgate, William L. Marcy, Palmer Townsend, William Cobb, Ira Harris, Henry Tower, Nathaniel Kendrick, Alvah Pierce, Bartholomew T. Welch, Edward Bright, Jr., William R. Williams, Robert Kelley, Harvey Edwards, Charles Walker, Smith Sheldon, Joseph Caldwell, John Munro, John N. Wilder, George Curtiss, Elisha Tucker, Pharellus Church, James Edmunds, Joseph Trevor, Amos Graves, and Alonzo Wheelock, are hereby appointed Trustees of the said corporation, with power to fill any vacancy in their Board; of whom nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. The said Board of Trustees shall appoint the professors, and such other instructors as they may deem necessary, subject to removal by a majority of the votes of all the members constituting the Board.

4. The said University may grant to students under its charge, diplomas or honorary testimonials, in such form as it may designate. It may also confer such literary honors, degrees and diplomas as are usually granted by any University, College, or Seminary of learning in the United States.

5. Diplomas granted by the University, shall entitle the possessors to the immunities and privileges, allowed by usage or statute, to the possessors of like diplomas from any college or seminary of learning in the State.

6. No diploma shall be conferred by the University, but in conformity with the laws of the State, in force at the time of conferring the same.

7. The said University shall be subject to the visitation of the Regents of the University of this State, in the same manner, and to the same extent, as the various colleges in this State.

8. The Corporation hereby created, shall possess the powers, and be subject to the provisions of the third title eighteenth chapter of the first part of the revised statutes, so far as the same are applicable and have not been repealed.

9. The Baptist Education Society of the State of New York is hereby authorized to make such arrangement with the said University, for the transfer of the property of the said Society, or any part thereof, either absolutely or conditionally to the said University, as the said Society shall deem proper.

10. The Legislature may at any time alter, or repeal this act.

STATE OF NEW YORK : IN ASSEMBLY, March 17, 1846. This bill having been read the third time, and two-thirds of all the members elected to the Assembly voting in favor thereof : Resolved, that the bill do pass.

By order of the Assembly,

WM. C. CRAIN, *Speaker*.

STATE OF NEW YORK : IN SENATE, March 25, 1846. This bill having been read the third time, two-thirds of all the members elected to the Senate voting in favor thereof : Resolved, that the bill do pass.

By order of the Senate,

A. GARDINER, *President*.

Approved, this 26th day of March, 1846.

SILAS WRIGHT.

STATE OF NEW YORK : SECRETARY'S OFFICE. I have compared the preceding with an original law on file in this office, and do certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed the seal of this office at the city of Albany, the 7th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1846.

ARCH'D CAMPBELL, *Dep. Sec. of State.*

At the annual meeting of the Education Society, Aug. 18, 1846, Hon. IRA HARRIS, of Albany, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Society approve of the recent successful effort made by their Board of Trustees, to procure from the State Legislature an Act of Incorporation for Madison University, and also the subsequent arrangement entered into with the Board of the University, whereby the said charter has been made available to the Literary Department of the Hamilton Institution.

The First Compact.

The following Terms of Arrangement were agreed upon in joint conference of the two Boards, adopted by each Board June 9th, 1847, and ratified by the Education Society, August 18th, 1847 :

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to the Board of the Education Society and to the Board of the University, such terms of arrangement as shall preserve under the charge of *one* faculty, the several departments ; and that shall at the same time, secure to the Education Board the control of the Theological Instruction.

Resolved, That we suggest the following as the outline of such arrangement :

1. That to the appointment of the Theological Professors, the act of the Education Board shall be sufficient ; but to the removal of such Professors, the joint action of both Boards shall be requisite.

2. That to the Education Society shall be reserved the exclusive control of any endowments for Theological Professorships, and to the Board of the University the exclusive control of any endowments for Literary Professorships.

3. The Education Society to grant to the University the use of their property, [a schedule of which is attached,] to be employed for purposes of instruction. The Education Society to have the power of re-

claiming the property thus granted, after two years notice given of their purpose, and with the reasons assigned therefor, in such notice.

4. The University shall sustain on the premises an Institution, in which Candidates for the Christian Ministry may receive suitable instruction. The Education Board to have the privilege of rooms free of rent, for all their Beneficiaries, among such candidates, paying however for such Beneficiaries the regular charges for tuition, and sending none of the Beneficiaries to any other Institution.

5. The University shall sustain the whole expense of instruction both in the Literary and Theological departments, receiving however, from the Education Society the income of their endowments for theological education ; such endowments to include the existing permanent funds for the support of Professorships, (and any funds hereafter to be collected, for the support of Theological Professorships,) as also the legacy of JOHN FLEETWOOD MARSH.

6. The University Board is to make earnest and extended efforts for the collection of an endowment sufficiently large, to exempt from the necessity of continued appeals to the Churches, but never so increased as to foster inaction in the Faculty, or independence of the Churches. The sum at present contemplated to be *fifty thousand dollars*, of which *twenty-five thousand* dollars, shall be invested by the Education Society, with the advice of the University Board, for the endowment of Theological Professorships. The remaining *twenty-five thousand* to be invested by the University, the proceeds to be applied to the support of literary and scientific instruction.

The Conference farther resolved :

1. That these arrangements take effect Sept. 1st, 1847.
2. That the cities of New York, Brooklyn, Williamsburg, and Albany, be surrendered to the Board of Madison University, for the collection of the current expenses of said Board, for two years from the first of September next.
3. That no new Professorship shall be constituted by the Board of the Education Society, without the consent of the University Board.

The Education Society, August 18th, 1847, made the following amendment to the first Article, and the same was adopted by the University Board :

“ That the Board of the University shall appoint such Professors in the Theological Department as may be nominated by the Baptist Education Society of the State of New York, and shall also remove such Professors in that Department, as that Society may direct.”

The Second Compact.

The following Articles of Agreement were recommended in joint conference of both Boards, and adopted by each Board separately, Feb. 9th, 1853 :

1. The Institution consists of a Theological Seminary, a University proper, and an Academic Department, organized under one Faculty, with one Code of Laws, the maintenance and general management of which, until otherwise directed by the Education Society, are in the hands of the Board of Madison University.

2. The power to make laws for the general regulation and discipline of the School in all its Departments, resides with the Board of Madison University ; but to prescribe the course of study in the Theological Seminary, including the text-books, belongs to the Board of the Education Society. While the President shall direct in the government and discipline of the University proper and Academic Department, the senior Theological Professor and the President shall be associated as Peers in the government and discipline of the Theological Seminary ; but cases of suspension and expulsion shall be referred to the whole Faculty.

3. The Laws to be given by the University Board, as a guide to the Faculty in governing the School, shall fully recognize the prerogatives of each Professor, in his respective Department.

4. The University having been created by the Education Society, through the State Legislature, to carry out its design in reference to Education, is bound to frame all its laws, and conduct all its operations in harmony with the terms of compact existing between it and the Education Society.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

CORPORATION OF MADISON UNIVERSITY.

ART. I. The *Stated Meetings* of the Board shall be on the Monday next preceding Commencement Day, at 3 o'clock P. M. *Special Meetings* may be called by the President or any five Trustees. Notice of such call, stating the object of such meeting, shall be given by the Secretary to each member of the Board, not less than fifteen days before the meeting, and no other business than that named in the notice of such Special meeting, shall be done without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. II. The *Officers* of the Board shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected annually by ballot at the Stated meetings—the election to take place after the reading of the minutes—but in case of failure to elect, the officers of the preceding year shall continue until superseded by an election.

ART. III. The *President*, or in his absence a President pro tem., shall preside at each meeting ; decide points of order subject to appeal to the Board ; appoint all Committees unless otherwise directed ; and see that the business of the Board is not impeded by conversation.

ART. IV. The *Secretary* shall keep in a book a faithful record of the transactions of the Board, with the names of members present at each meeting ; shall attest the orders on the Treasurer directed by the Board ; shall give due notice of each meeting ; shall preserve on file all papers, documents and reports of the Board ; and when he shall leave the office, he shall deliver to the Board or his successor, all books, papers, or documents belonging to the Board.

ART. V. The *Treasurer* shall give sufficient bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall receive all monies paid into the Treasury, and rightly appropriate the same. He shall collect interest and other dues. He is especially authorized to collect interest on all United States Stocks, and State Stocks, and on other registered Stocks or

Bonds, with power to appoint a substitute. He shall pay all orders of the Board signed by the Secretary, shall keep an accurate account under proper heads, of all Receipts and Disbursements, and make to the Board an annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures, and of the condition of all the Funds. When he leaves office he shall deliver to his successor, or to the Board, all funds, books and papers that belong to the office.

ART. VI. A *Provisional Committee* of five members shall be appointed, three of whom shall be a quorum, clothed with such powers as the Board shall define. But any action of this Committee shall require confirmation at the next meeting of the Board, unless otherwise ordered.

ART. VII. All motions except for adjournment shall be made in writing, if required, and if seconded shall be stated by the President previous to discussion, and if not amended, may, by the leave of the Board, be withdrawn by the Mover or Seconder, any time prior to final decision. Any member may call for a division of the question when it is susceptible thereof.

ART. VIII. The Board shall annually appoint, at its Stated Meeting in August, a Librarian and a Library Committee of two members, a Steward and Janitor, Patron, and College Inspector, whose duties may be severally specified in the Laws of Madison University.

ART. IX. Whenever a member wishes to speak or debate, he shall arise and address the Chair, and no interruption shall be permitted unless by a call to order, or by consent of the speaker. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than 15 minutes at once, unless by special permission of the Board.

ART. X. Motions acted on and negatived shall not be recorded, unless directed by the Board.

ART. XI. On the call of any two members the yeas and nays shall be taken on any matter before the Board and recorded, with the vote of each member opposite his name.

ART. XII. Unless a member is speaking or the Board voting, a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

ART. XIII. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate, and the subject shall not be called up again for action until an adjournment has intervened, unless by unanimous consent.

ART. XIV. No member in attendance shall withdraw from the meeting, but by permission of the Chair; nor from the business of the session, nor from voting on any question, unless excused by the Board.

ART. XV. The minutes of each day's proceedings shall be read at the next day's session, and the whole of the minutes shall be read before the final adjournment.

ART. XVI. Though in the transaction of ordinary business, the charter quorum is to be deemed competent, yet in the election of President and Professors, and in the removal of the same, and in fixing their salaries, and in altering the By-Laws, the consent of the majority of the whole Board shall be requisite.

ART. XVII. Every meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with Prayer.

ART. XVIII. No alteration of these By-Laws shall be made but at a regular Stated Meeting of the Board.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Prayer.
3. Reading and adopting the Minutes.
4. Report of the Provisional Committee.
5. Report of the Treasurer.
6. Annual Report of the Faculty.
7. Report of Agents or Superintendents.
8. Report of Committees.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. New Business.
11. Prayer.

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MADISON UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER I.

General Organization.

§ 1. The Institution known as MADISON UNIVERSITY consists of a Theological Seminary, a College and a Grammar School, organized under one Faculty.

§ 2. The government and discipline of the Theological Seminary is intrusted to the Theological officers constituting a Faculty of Instruction, amenable to the Board of the Education Society ; except that the admission of students to the Seminary upon the recommendation of the Theological officers, and the dismissal, suspension and expulsion of students, shall be subject to the vote of the whole Faculty.

§ 3. The government and discipline of the College is committed to the President and Faculty. The Faculty are to appoint standing committees.

§ 4. The government and discipline of the Grammar School is committed to the Principal under the general direction of the Faculty.

§ 5. The University Laws define the duties and prerogatives of the President and Faculty, and the duties and relations of the Students. The By-Laws of the Faculty define the duties and relations of the Standing Committees.

§ 6. The Laws and Regulations, so far as applicable, and especially in regard to the opening and closing of Terms, the deportment of Students, the occupancy of Rooms, and attendance on Church and Chapel, extend alike to the Seminary, College and Grammar School.

CHAPTER II.

Curriculum.

§ 1. The Theological Seminary shall have a Course of Study of two years, with provision for Students taking a partial course, and for Resident Graduates.

§ 2. The College shall have a course of Classical and Scientific Study of four years, with provision for resident graduates, and a Literary and Scientific Course of three years with provision for University Students.

§ 3. The Grammar School shall have a Course of Study of two years, with provision for Students in English.

§ 4. The details of the Course of Study entire are to be published in the annual Catalogue.

CHAPTER III.

Anniversaries, Sessions, TERMS, AND VACATIONS.

§ 1. There shall be annually a JUNIOR EXHIBITION, a UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT, and an ANNIVERSARY of the Theological Seminary. The Junior Exhibition shall take place on the first Wednesday after New Year; the University Commencement on the first Wednesday in August, and the Anniversary of the Theological Seminary on the day preceding the University Commencement.

§ 2. At the Junior Exhibition, members of the Junior Collegiate Class, elected by the Literary Societies to which they respectively belong, are to pronounce Orations; at the Commencement, and the Theological Anniversary, the speakers are to be appointed by the Faculty.

§ 3. No student shall be permitted to appear on any of these public occasions, unless his composition be presented for correction, at least two weeks before hand; and if any student fail to perform the part assigned him, or if he shall exhibit any thing not allowed by the proper officer, if a member of the Junior Class, he may be dismissed, or if of the Senior Class or of the Theological Seminary, his diploma or certificate may be denied him.

§ 4. There shall be two Sessions in the year, embracing forty weeks—a holiday recess of eight days included. The Winter Session shall be divided into two terms; the first term to open eight weeks after the University Commencement, and to close with the Holiday Recess; the second term to close with the first Wednesday in April. The Summer Session shall consist of 14 weeks, closing with the University Commencement.

CHAPTER IV.

President and Faculty.

§ 1. The President shall have the general supervision of the University, exclusive of the Theological Seminary. He shall be ready at all times to communicate to the Board of Trustees and to the Faculty, such suggestions and measures as he shall think will promote the good of the University. He is empowered to direct and administer the government of the College in all cases not requiring an act of the Faculty. He is to announce and execute acts of the Faculty, touching the conduct and relations of Students. He is to preside in all meetings of the Faculty, may call extra meetings whenever he shall deem it expedient, and has the right to vote on all questions. He shall be the organ of communication where no other is appointed, between the Faculty and the Board, and between the Faculty and the Students. He shall have power to give leave of absence to students for any time not exceeding four weeks, and provided the permission does not involve absence from examination. He shall have the power to attend the Lecture or Recitation of any member of the Faculty, to be present at any gathering of the students, and disperse it by requiring them to repair to their rooms or otherwise. He may from time to time adopt any expedient not inconsistent with the laws to secure obedience on the part of the students to the laws, and to promote good order, sound morals and piety.

§ 2. The Faculty, consisting of the President, Professors and Tutors, are charged with the administration of the laws, so far as this is not committed to the President. They shall by their direct vote or delegation exercise their power of admitting, dismissing, suspending or excluding students. They shall mark out the different Courses of Study, classify the students, fix upon the text books upon the recommendation of the respective officers concerned, arrange the College hours, and adjust those of Recitations and Lectures. They shall from time to time adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with these laws, as shall appear to them adapted to secure the right management of the University.

They shall appoint a member of their body to act as Secretary, who shall keep a record of all their proceedings; and, who shall record in a book for that purpose the name of every student, his age, date of his admission, the class he enters and the date and manner of his dismissal. The Faculty at each Annual Meeting of the Board, shall make a detailed report of their work for the year, and of the internal condition of the University. This Report shall be in a suitable form to be embodied in the Report of the Board to the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

§ 3. Each Professor is Head of his own department, and responsible to the Board for its general condition and success. Each Professor and Tutor shall devote himself to the interests of the University, and shall engage in no foreign employment which shall interfere with his appropriate work. He shall call the roll at each exercise or otherwise, note absentees. He shall mark all delinquents and grade each student according to his performance. He shall report weekly at each regular meeting of the Faculty, all unexcused absences and delinquencies of students, and the recitations and lectures lost by himself. He shall have power to excuse a student for a single exercise only. Each Professor shall consider himself an officer of discipline as well as instruction, and shall co-operate with the government in the maintenance of good order. He shall have power at any time to enter a student's room or to dissolve any assemblage of students which he may deem disorderly, and require them to repair to their rooms. Every Instructor employed by the Board shall make out for the Faculty near the close of the year, such a detailed Report of his work as shall insure completeness and accuracy in the Report of the Faculty to the Board and in the Report of the Board to the Regents.

CHAPTER V.

The Students.

§ 1. ADMISSION.—Candidates for admission must furnish evidence of a good moral character. Each candidate must first present himself to the President and exhibit his testimonials. He must then call on each member of the Faculty and submit himself to examination. Before entering upon his studies, he is to present himself to the Secretary that his name may be duly registered. After his admission, he shall call upon the President and possess himself of a copy of the Laws of the University. Before he can be admitted to the privilege of recitations, his College bills must be settled one Term in advance. Every student must regard the fact of his admission and the record of his name, as a solemn pledge that he will obey all the rules and regulations of the University while he remains a member of it.

§ 2. ROOMS.—No Student shall take a room in any location not approved by the President. He shall room in the University buildings unless permitted to room out of them. Those students rooming in the College buildings, shall in all cases lodge there unless otherwise permitted by the President, and no student shall lodge out of his room without express permission. Each student when leaving town, shall deposit the key of his room with the Janitor. He shall make no repairs, alterations or additions without permission from the proper authority.

Students who room out of the College buildings or board away from the Hall shall conform to College hours and rules.

§ 3. RECITATION OR LECTURE ROOM.—Every student shall appear with his class in the Recitation Room, the first day of recitation at the opening of the Term, or on the first day after his admission or return to the College. He shall at all times be quiet and orderly in the recitation room, in the presence or absence of the officer; shall be present within five minutes after the ringing of the bell; shall not leave without permission; shall attend to no call of his fellow student at the door, unless made through the officer present; shall not mar the room or its furniture with knife, pen, pencil or any other instrument; shall take into the room no book except such as may be required by his instructor; no pamphlet, cane or unnecessary incumbrance. He shall previously make thorough preparation on the work assigned him, and while in the room, shall give his undivided attention to the subject under consideration, without talking or any other unnecessary interruption.

§ 4. EXAMINATIONS.—When a student enters the University, he shall submit himself for examination upon such authors and subjects as the course prescribes, and upon such portions of the same as the respective officers may require. He shall prepare himself for examination on the recitation assigned each day to his class; at the close of each session, for examination on all the studies of the session, and at the close of the Senior year, on all the studies of the Junior and Senior years. Absence from the Institution or from a recitation shall not exempt the student from examination. If a student at any time propose an advance standing, he must be examined on the studies which intervene. If he shall fail at an examination, he shall be required by the Faculty to make up the deficiency in the vacation or be degraded to the next class as the case may require. If he shall absent himself from examination, he shall forfeit his standing in his class, or suffer such other penalty as the Faculty shall inflict.

§ 5. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES AND THE SABBATH.—All the members of the University shall, at the hour appointed by the Faculty, assemble every morning for social worship, consisting of Reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer.

They shall, likewise, reverence the Lord's day, and thereon regularly attend stated public Worship with some Christian denomination.

Beneficiaries and Minors are expected to attend, on the Sabbath, the religious meetings recommended to them by their Parents, Guardians, or Benefactors.

On the days set apart by the civil authority for Thanksgiving and for Fasting and Prayer, the ordinary duties of the University are to be suspended, and the Faculty and Students are to attend the religious services customary on such occasions.

§ 6. GENERAL PROHIBITIONS.—No Student shall open an unoccupied room nor enter that of another Student without permission.

No Student shall smoke (either pipe or cigar) in the public Rooms or Halls of the University ; a Student shall keep in his room excepting his wood-box, no open box or vessel filled with any combustible substance ; he shall not remove ashes from his stove and leave them in any story or room of the Institution buildings ; he shall in *no manner* take away fire from any stove or fire-place in the common rooms, neither shall he carry any fire in or about the edifices, except in a covered fire-pan, nor shall he carry any light into the basement story of the Eastern Edifice, unless it be in a lantern, nor shall he place a wood-box or any combustible article within twelve inches of the sides or eight inches of the bottom of the stove ; he shall not move his stove in his room, except by permission from the Janitor ; and when a Student is about to leave his room fifteen minutes, he shall extinguish the lights in his room and close both the door and damper of his stove.

No Student shall sweep dirt from private rooms into the halls after the hour appointed by the Janitor for sweeping them, nor leave therein any trunk, box, or other article ; Students shall not place in the basement of the Eastern Edifice any thing whatever except fuel already fitted for their stoves ; they shall throw neither water nor anything else from the windows of the Institution Edifices ; in front, they shall place nothing ; and on the other sides of said buildings, they shall deposit nothing within sixty-feet. In short, no student shall place any article whatever, or do anything in his own room, or any part of the University Buildings, or near them, to render the premises unsightly or the air of the buildings either disagreeable or unwholesome ; and every Student shall frequently ventilate and thoroughly cleanse the rooms which he is permitted to occupy.

No Student shall enter into nor aid or abet combinations to resist the authority of the laws. They shall form no organizations and hold no assemblies, except with the consent or under the direction of the Faculty ; and they shall not become members of secret societies in this College or in this place.

Students shall not in term-time, without permission from the Faculty, receive instruction in any branch of learning not specified in the course of studies adopted in this University, nor from any teachers, except such as are approved by the Faculty.

Students in hours of study, shall abstain from singing, loud talking, playing on a musical instrument, and from every species of disturbance, and, at all times, shall withhold themselves from noisy plays in the University buildings.

No student shall originate or circulate a mock scheme or other paper whose tendency is to ridicule any member of the Institution, or of the community, nor shall any student abet others in so doing.

Students shall associate with no persons of known bad character ; they shall not, without permission from the President, visit places of public amusement ; they shall resort to no tavern or other place where

intoxicating drinks are kept for sale ; they shall neither make nor attend any festive entertainment or theatre in term-time, nor receive company into their rooms, in study hours or late in the evening, or to lodge during the night without permission from the President or one of the Professors ; nor be absent from their rooms in the stated hours for study, nor from their lodgings after ten o'clock in the evening ; nor at any time leave Hamilton without express permission from the President.

No Student shall receive ordination, except in special cases to be judged of by the Faculty ; nor shall a Student engage to preach to any Church, during Term time, without having previously obtained the permission of the Faculty.

The members of this Institution shall not play at cards, billiards or any species of gambling ; they shall neither keep nor use weapons or gunpowder, nor shall they use intoxicating liquors. Finally, Students shall not use profane or obscene language ; they shall not violate the sanctity of the Sabbath ; they shall occasion no unnecessary disturbance ; they shall do no injury to the person or property of any individual, and they are strictly prohibited from committing any indecent, immoral, or impious act.

§ 7, DISMISSION.—Every Student who shall have maintained a good character and standing, shall be entitled at his own request—(or if a minor at the request of his parents or guardian,) to an honorable dismission, and to a paper from the Faculty, showing his standing and scholarship.

If any Student shall pursue such course of conduct as is regarded unprofitable to himself or to the University, he may be privately separated from the Institution, or be subject to such other penalty as the Faculty shall prescribe.

If a Student shall marry during his Course of Study, he thereby dissolves his connection with the University.

CHAPTER VI.

Degrees and Testimonials.

§ 1. The regular Degrees in Course to be conferred in this University, are Bachelor of Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts, and Master of Arts. Every Student who has regularly completed the Literary and Scientific Course of Study, is entitled to the Degree of B. P.

Every member of the Senior Collegiate Class, who has faithfully obeyed the Laws and Regulations of the University, and who, at the final examination of said Class, is found to have creditably accomplished the Course of Studies in the Collegiate Department, is fully entitled to the Degree of A. B.

Every Bachelor of Arts of three Years' standing and sound moral character, and every Student of the same Degree, who has, free from censure, completed the Course of Studies in the Theological Seminary, shall, on application made two days before Commencement, receive the Degree of A. M.

Application is to be made two weeks prior to the Commencement for Honorary Degrees.

Certificates referring strictly to Studies of the Grammar School, shall be signed by the Principal ; those to Studies in the abridged Course, by the Secretary of the Faculty ; and all Diplomas relating to Degrees conferred by the Board on the recommendation of the Faculty, whether Honorary or in Course, shall be signed by the President of the University, and the Faculty in behalf of the Trustees.

No Student, however, shall receive Degrees nor any testimonial of honorable dismissal, who has not presented to the Secretary of the Faculty, certificates from the proper Officers, that his College bills are duly settled ; and from the Librarian, that he has returned or replaced every book which he may have taken from the Library, and deposited the key of his room in the hands of the Janitor.

CHAPTER VII. The Library.

§ 1. THE LIBRARIAN.—The Librarian shall be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the Faculty, and be responsible to the Board for the good order and safe keeping of the Library. He shall see that all volumes are duly labeled and numbered, and the title and number of each entered upon a book. He shall acknowledge all donations and keep a record of the names of the donors and their gifts. He shall see that books are duly arranged in the Library, and when not drawn, kept in their proper places. He shall conduct the correspondence immediately affecting the Library. He shall collect such fines as he is able, and report such as he is not able to collect, to the Treasurer, to be embodied in the Term-Bills of the delinquent. If he have funds in his hands given him for the purpose or collected by fines, he shall from time to time with the advice of the Library Committee, make such purchases of books as the needs of the Library demand. He shall at each Annual Meeting report to the Board the condition of the Library, the money received and expended by him, and the titles of all the books added within the year, with the names of the donors. He may with the advise of the Faculty for the better preservation of the books and regulation of the Library, make such rules as are not inconsistent with these Laws.

§ 2. THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.—An Assistant Librarian, (or two if necessary,) shall be appointed by the Faculty, to aid the Librarian. He shall open the Library at 1 o'clock, p. m., of each day, except on Saturday, for the drawing, and for the consulting of books. He shall keep the room in order, and be present when the Library is open, unless a substitute or the Librarian be present. He shall keep an exact record of every book taken from the Library, of the date of drawing and the name of the person, the title and number of the book, and note

the return of the same. He shall also keep a record of the names of all persons who by these Laws are subject to fines.

§ 3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—A Library Committee of two (the Chairman of which shall be the President of the University) shall be appointed by the Board, who shall be associated with the Librarian in the purchase of books, and shall examine the Library near the close of each year, and if they deem it necessary, report to the Board such recommendations as they may deem important. It shall be the duty of each member of the Faculty, to present yearly to the Committee a list of books needed in his Department.

§ 4. GENERAL RULES.—Members of the Board of the Education Society and of the University, of the Faculty, of the Theological Seminary, of the College, Resident Graduates, Clergymen and donors residing in the place, shall be allowed to draw Books. Others may consult the Library when it is open.

Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, General Grammars, Commentaries, Maps, Charts, and Atlases, shall not be drawn except by permission from the Faculty; and the Librarian or the Assistant may retain any costly works with plates which in his judgment should not be taken from the Library.

No book shall be taken from the Library without the knowledge of the Librarian or his assistant under a fine of twenty-five cents for each offence.

No Student shall draw or have out of the Library more than two books at a time; nor shall any book be kept out more than two weeks from the time of drawing under a penalty of two cents a day for each book.

No Student shall take a book out of town or lend it to others. If he shall leave town for more than a week, he shall return to the Library the books which he may have drawn.

Every Student when he returns a book to the Library, shall inform the Librarian of the fact and have the book discharged from the record.

Every Student while in the Library shall have his head uncovered, shall conduct himself in an orderly manner, shall avoid conversation, and shall not use ink while consulting the book.

Every person using or drawing a book, shall be responsible for its safe keeping. If damaged or lost he shall make it good, either by paying the damages or by replacing a new copy at the discretion of the Librarian.

Janitor.

The Janitor is an Officer of the Board under the direction of the Committee of the Board and the President of the University.

He shall, under the direction of the Committee, have charge of the University Buildings and the grounds in immediate vicinity, and shall see that they are kept in good order and repair. He shall see to the warming, lighting and cleaning of the Public Rooms and Halls. He shall have a general charge of the rooms of Students and of such furniture in them as is not under the control of the Steward. He shall, under the direction of the President of the University, see to the locating of Students in their rooms. He shall keep the Keys, and deliver them to no one but the occupant unless by the direction of the President, or the Faculty. He shall report all damages done by the Students to the Treasurer.

HALLS.—The Janitor is to keep the Halls free from all obstruction. He shall see that they are swept, and lighted every evening from dark until 10 o'clock.

THE RECITATION ROOMS.—He is to see that these are cleaned and warmed at the hours of appointed exercises.

THE CHAPEL.—He is to see that the Chapel is cleaned and warmed and the Orchestra lighted on the occasions of the Public Meetings and Lectures of the Literary Societies, and the Exercises of Commencement Week.

THE PUBLIC ROOMS.—He is to prepare the Public Rooms for all Lectures given before the body of the Students, under the approbation of the Faculty.

GROUNDS AND WALKS.—He shall take care of all the made-walks within sixty-feet around the Edifices. In winter he shall remove the snow from them, and in Summer shall keep them regular and neat. It shall be his duty to cut, as often as is necessary, the grass on the Campus within 60 feet in the rear, and 30 feet in the front, and 20 feet from the ends of the Buildings, with the privilege of the grass for his compensation. If he shall, under the direction of the Committee, bestow labor upon the walks beyond the above specified limits, he shall receive extra compensation.

It shall be his duty to keep the Out-Houses of the University clean. It shall be his duty, under the direction of a Committee of the Board to furnish fuel and light for the Public Rooms of the University, at the expense of the Board, out of funds raised by tax for incidental expenses.

MONITORIAL SYSTEM.

I. A record of the Attendance, Deportment and Scholarship of each Student shall be kept by the respective Officers, and at the regular Meeting of the Faculty, immediately after the reports of the standing Committees, it shall be in order for each officer to report all cases of absences, tardiness, failures and improprieties of conduct which have occurred during the week, not excused.

II. The delinquencies shall be marked upon a scale of demerit, as follows :

Absence from Recitation or Lecture, not excused	-	5.
Tardiness " " " " " "	- -	2.
Failures " " " " " "	- -	3.

Improprieties of conduct may be marked at the discretion of the Officer. Absences at the commencement of a Term shall be marked in the same way.

III. Whenever these unexcused delinquencies standing against any Student amounts in the same Term to FIFTEEN, he shall be admonished by the President, and when these delinquencies amount to the same number the second time, during the same Term, he shall receive a written admonition from the President, with a full statement of the rule in such cases, and if a minor, the same shall be communicated by him to the Parent or Guardian of the Student, and whenever a third time these delinquencies amount to the same number in the same Term, the Student shall be put upon probation for the remainder of the Term, and if at the close of this period there is no satisfactory evidence of amendment, he shall be degraded from his Class, or required to leave the University as the Faculty may think proper in his case. Delinquencies less than fifteen standing against a Student not excused at the end of the Term, shall be deducted one half, and the remainder carried over to the next Term.

IV. The standing in Scholarship shall be marked as follows :

Maximum or highest grade,	- - -	5.
Superior Grade,	- - -	4.
Medium, " - - -	- - -	3.
Inferior, " - - -	- - -	2.
Minimum or lowest Grade,	- - -	1.

Examinations shall be marked according to the above scale.

At the close of each Session, the standing of each Student shall be made out by the Officer in each Department, from which an average standing shall be made out and preserved in a permanent form.

V. Any Student whose standing in Scholarship falls at the Inferior Grade in any Study shall be admonished by the President, and if his standing falls at the same Grade in all his Studies, he shall be put upon probation for one Term, and if at the close of that period, the conditions of his probation are not fulfilled he shall lose his place in his Class, unless in all such cases there is satisfactory evidence that the Student has applied himself diligently to his studies.

VI. Absences from Church and Chapel shall be subject to the same regulations as those from Recitations and Lectures.

Excuses.

VII.—1ST. Students shall not be excused from Recitations to attend to any duties connected with the Literary Societies or other organizations in the University, except in those cases authorized by the resolutions of the Faculty, viz :

On the day of the Junior Exhibition, the Junior Class shall be excused from their Recitations, and on the day of the Regular Public Meetings of the Literary Societies, the Speakers and Readers shall be excused.

2D. Students shall not be excused on the plea of sickness when able to be about the Village and University grounds and go to their meals, except by vote of the Faculty.

3D. Students shall not be excused from attending their Recitations on the ground that they are not prepared to recite.

4TH. All excuses must be presented by Chapel time on Saturday morning of each week. otherwise they shall not be accepted.

VIII. The above Monitorial System shall be applicable to the Theological Department only in the particulars of Church and Chapel.

THE CHARTER

Of the Baptist Education Society of the State of New York.

An Act to Incorporate the Baptist Education Society of the State of New York, passed March 5, 1819.

Whereas, the members of a Society instituted in this State for the purpose of educating pious young men to the gospel ministry, have petitioned for an act of incorporation, the better to enable them to attain the objects of their association : Therefore,

I. Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, That Obed Warren, Joshua Bradley, John Bostwick, John Peck, Silas Spaulding, Eliada Blakeslee, Elijah F. Miller, Thomas Cox, Charles Babcock, Charles W. Hull, and such other persons as now are, or hereafter may be associated with them, shall be, and hereby are, constituted a body corporate and politic, in fact and in name, by the name of the "*Baptist Education Society of the State of New York*," and by that name shall have succession, and be in law capable of suing and being sued, defending and being defended, in all courts and places, and in all manner of actions and cases whatsoever, and may have a common seal, and change the same at their pleasure, and by that name and style, be capable in law of purchasing, holding and enjoying, to them and their successors, any real estate in fee simple, or otherwise, and any goods, chattels, and personal estate, and of selling or otherwise disposing of the real and personal estate, or any part thereof, at their will and pleasure ; Provided, nevertheless, that the clear annual value or income of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said associates and their successors, may, from time to time make such Constitution, By-Laws; ordinances and regulations for the appointment of officers, the government of the Seminary, the management of their property, and conducting all their concerns, as to them shall appear proper ; Provided the same be not inconsistent with the laws or constitution of this State or of the United States.

III. And be it further enacted, That this act be and is hereby declared a public act, and that the same be construed in all courts and places, benignly and favorably, for every beneficial purpose therein intended, and that no misnomer of the said corporation in any deed, gift, grant, demise, or other instrument of contract or conveyance, shall vitiate or defeat the same ; Provided the corporation shall be sufficiently described to ascertain the intention of the parties ; and provided always, that if the said Society appropriate their funds, or any part thereof to any purpose or purposes, other than those intended and contemplated by this act, or shall at any time pass any law or regulation affecting the rights of conscience, that thenceforth the said corporation shall cease and be void ; and also the Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this act, as in their discretion shall seem proper.

Amendment, April 17, 1842.—The Baptist Education Society of the State of New York, incorporated by act of the Legislature, March 5th, 1819, may take, hold, and enjoy by gift, grant, or by devise, real and personal estate, to an amount, the clear annual value or income of which shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Baptist Education Society of the State of New York.

ART. 1. The object of this Society shall be to furnish the means of instruction to such young men of the Baptist denomination as shall give to the Churches of which they are members, and to the Faculty of the Institution under the patronage of the Society, satisfactory evidence of their personal piety, and of their call to the Gospel Ministry.

ART. 2. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying into the Treasury, annually, the sum of one dollar; or a member for life by paying twenty dollars, at any one time, or in four equal annual installments.

ART. 3. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. These, with thirty Directors, shall constitute a BOARD OF TRUSTEES, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Society, seven of whom shall be a quorum. All the members of the Board, and other acting officers, as well as the immediate beneficiaries of the Society, shall be members in good standing, of some regular Baptist Church.

ART. 4. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES shall transact the business of the Society; take charge of its property; fill vacancies in their own body; appoint beneficiaries and necessary Agents; keep a faithful record of their proceedings, and make an annual report of the same to the Society. The Board shall have the especial oversight of the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, connected with Madison University; shall direct the course of instruction in this department; secure as far as practicable, endowments for it; and appoint Professors and Teachers; doing all things in accordance with arrangements authorized by the University Charter, and existing between the two Boards.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and other property belonging to the Society, and make investments of the same in the name of the Society, in the safest and most productive forms, under the direction of the Board; shall make payments of money from time to time agreeably to the order of the Board; shall render to the Society, annually, a written account of all the receipts and expenditures within the year; of the amount of its funds and the manner in which they are invested; he shall give to the Board, whenever they request it, a particular account of the state of the treasury, or of any portion of its funds; he shall also give full and ample security to the Board for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

The Treasurer's accounts, before they are presented to the Society, shall be audited by a committee appointed by the Board for that purpose.

ART. 6. The Society may appoint a discretionary number of Honorary Vice Presidents, and any person may become an Honorary Life Director, by paying into the treasury the sum of fifty dollars, and shall have a right to sit and deliberate in all meetings of the Board.

ART. 7. The President, and in his absence, the Vice President, shall have power at the request of three Directors, to call special meetings of the Society, by giving due public notice thereof.

ART. 8. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held at such time and places as the Board may direct, unless the Society shall have otherwise determined.

ART. 9. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at an annual meeting by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, provided that notice shall have been given one year previously.

BY-LAWS

Of Board of Baptist Education Society of the State of New York.

1. The sessions of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The following shall be the Order of Business :
 1. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
 2. Reading of the Constitution and By-Laws.
 3. Report of the Executive Committee.
 4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary.
 5. Report of the Faculty.
 6. Reports of the Treasurer, Agent, Steward and Accountant.
 7. Reports of the Standing and Special Committees.
 8. New Business.
3. All Committees shall be nominated by the presiding officer, and the first named on each committee shall be Chairman thereof.
4. No resolution shall be discussed unless it be moved and seconded; and any resolution shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member of the Board.
5. Any member desirous of giving his views on any question before the Board, shall rise and address himself to the presiding officer.
6. During the session of the Board, it shall be duty of each member to devote his undivided attention to the subject upon which it may be deliberating. No member shall leave the room without permission from the presiding officer.
7. At its first meeting, the Board shall appoint an Executive Committee of not less than *Seven* or more than *nine*, consisting of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and other members of the Board, five of whom shall be a quorum.
8. The Faculty of the Institution shall present, at each stated meeting of the Board, a written report, giving a faithful view of the internal condition and prospects of the Institution, in its various departments.
9. The Corresponding Secretary shall, at each stated meeting of the Board, make a written report on the general interests of the Society, and present such subjects for the action of the Board as he may believe its welfare demands.
10. The Treasurer, Agent, Steward and Accountant, shall present written reports of the condition of their individual departments, at each stated meeting of the Board.
11. The reports of all committees appointed by the Board, shall be presented in writing.
12. All orders given by this Board on the Treasury, shall be signed by the Recording Secretary.
13. The stated meetings of this Board shall be held in the Society's building at Hamilton, on the first Wednesday in August; and the second Tuesday in June; and the Monday before the first Wednesday in August.
14. It shall be the duty of the President or presiding officer, to enjoin the observance of all rules of order in these By-Laws; and no rule shall be suspended, or amendment made in them, but by a vote of the Board.
15. These By-Laws shall be read at each regular meeting of the Board, with the Constitution of the Society.

RULES AFFECTING BENEFICIARIES.

The Board cannot appropriate sums beyond what patrons furnish, without involving the Society in debt. They aid—1. By *Permanent Scholarships*, named after the Donor, unless otherwise directed, and yielding an annual income of \$70, or more. 2. By *Temporary Scholarships*, made by Churches or individuals, and secured by the pledge of a responsible person. These are named, unless otherwise directed, after the individual who becomes responsible for their payment. They extend to any time not less than a year; or sufficiently long to aid a student through his course of study. 3. By occasional appropriations as the resources of the Society allow.

The Donor may nominate a candidate to receive the benefit of his Scholarship in accordance with the rules affecting Beneficiaries. The nomination shall be in writing, addressed to the Secretary of the Board.

APPLICATION.—The candidate should furnish a certificate from the Church to which he belongs, commending him on the ground of his qualifications, call to the ministry and dependence on aid, and after he has received aid for one year he must obtain and present a license to preach. He must have been at least one term a member of the University, and must be regarded by the Faculty as an exemplary christian and successful student. He must give a written pledge to the Secretary to complete his course at this Institution, unless prevented by a sufficient cause, of which the Faculty are the judges.

He must be qualified for the Freshman Class, except a scholarship is made for him, or money paid for his benefit, or a donor nominate him at some earlier period of his course.

APPROPRIATION.—The Beneficiary at the close of each College term is to receive in cash the income of his Scholarship, or the money appropriated to him, to apply on his tuition and board. If, however, he is on a temporary Scholarship, he is not entitled to draw more than is actually paid in, nor in any case is he entitled to draw for time he is absent from the University.

CONDITIONS.—The Beneficiary receives money on the condition that he promptly pay it out for his tuition and board, and not for debts, or any other purpose. It is on the further condition; that if he should not enter the ministry, or should at any time leave it for a secular employment, he is to refund what he has received, for which he shall give a written pledge to the Secretary. Disregard for the Rules of the Board, failure to keep a fair standing in the Class, or any moral obliquity may be a forfeiture of the Scholarship, or other appropriations made. The Beneficiary is looked upon as one who in all his College relations, should be marked for his consistent piety, punctuality, economy, urbanity and thorough scholarship.

☞ The individual or Church, that pledges aid for a student by a temporary Scholarship or otherwise, will see the importance of prompt payments, as the Treasurer, under the Rules of the Board, can pay to the student only what has been actually paid in for him, and delay might occasion the student double embarrassment, and oblige him to leave his studies.

☞ Patrons who expect the money, paid for students, to be acknowledged in the Annual Report, should send their payments through the Treasurer of the Society, and not directly to the student.

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